

Road Commissioner's Report

2005 was an active year for the capital reconstruction of certain roads in Harpswell. Pursuant to a contract with Crooker and Sons, the following roads were completed—Ocean Street on Bailey Island, Pinkham Point, Stevens Corner, South Dyer's Cove, Eggemoggin and Aucocisco Roads, all on Great Island. Field Road in Cundy's Harbor, not covered under the Crooker contract, needs a final layer of pavement this year and some finishing touches.

In 2006, it is proposed that Dingley Island Road will be put out to bid for a similar capital reconstruction project.

General maintenance and ditching will become more of a priority in 2006. There has been some deferred maintenance over the past several years, and it is expected that a routine maintenance plan, to include ditch cleaning, will be more fully developed and implemented in 2006. Severe rainstorms in late 2005 caused more than the usual number of emergency road repairs to fill the resulting potholes.

At the end of 2005, elected Road Commissioner Warren Graybill stepped down from his position, just short of completing his three-year term in March 2006. Commissioner Graybill is to be thanked for his many contributions to the upkeep of Town roads and oversight of the winter snow contract over the course of his tenure.

Bob Venard was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacant Road Commissioner position until the March 11 Town Meeting election.